

Pine Grove Cemetery Rules and Regulations /Revised January 2016

1. **Hours:** The cemetery is open to the public from 8:00AM until Dusk.
2. **Grave Lots:**
 - a. Lots may be purchased by West Brookfield residents who currently resided in town for a minimum of 5 years or who previously resided in town for a minimum of 20 years. Lot deeds may not be transferred to individuals who do not meet the specified criteria cited above. Amendments to the above criteria are at the sole discretion of the Cemetery Commissioners.
 - b. Each individual lot is \$600.00 (subject to change at the discretion of the commissioners). This price includes perpetual care. Perpetual care payments provide for the mowing and trimming, by the cemetery, of cemetery grounds. Maintenance and repair of markers and monuments is the responsibility of the lot owner.
 - c. No more than 6 cremations (standard urn/vault) are allowed per single lot.
 - d. The planting of shrubs, bushes or memorial trees is not allowed. If planted, they will be removed from the cemetery.
 - e. Only potted live flowers are allowed on lots. They must be placed against headstones to facilitate mowing and routine cemetery maintenance. Flowers may only be planted directly next to the headstone. Any trinkets or other non-planted memorabilia must be placed on the headstone or headstone base. No such items are allowed on the flat headstones. The Cemetery Commission reserves the right to remove any item that becomes unsafe, unsightly (ie: wilted or out of season) or violates cemetery regulations.
 - f. All flowers, baskets, memorabilia, and trinkets must be removed prior to the spring and fall cleanups. These are scheduled for the second week in April and the second week in October. All items left on lots will be disposed of at those times.
3. **Burials:**
 - a. Opening for a full burial vault is \$550.
 - b. Opening for a cremation is \$200.
 - c. Cremation vault is \$60.
(all prices subject to change at the discretion of the Cemetery Commissioners)
 - d. Burial of caskets, vases or urns shall be made only into a standard cement vault or liner used for such burials. To this end, only strong domed top vaults are allowed. No flat tops, sectional vaults, or grave boxes are permitted. Massachusetts General Law requires cremations be placed in concrete vaults or urns that meet endurance standards. Wood or corrugated are not permitted.
 - e. Burials will not take place on Saturdays, Sundays or during the Winter Season. In the event of an emergency, the individual case will be presented to the Commissioners for a decision. Winter storage vaults are free of charge should they be required.
4. **Foundations:**
 - a. Foundations are installed by the granite company that lot owners purchase grave markers from.
 - b. Foundations and installation of Veteran's markers are done free of charge.
5. **Gravestones:**
 - a. With the exception of cremations, only 1 headstone per lot is allowed. The stone is not to exceed the size or height of any existing headstones in the area.
 - b. All foot markers are to be flat except in a lot that already has a raised headstone.
 - c. All stones (head and foot) in section 5 are to be flat.